Waltair - Vijayawada and Baroda-Bandra are the usual areas vulnerable to pilferage of consignments on the railways.

(b) Railway staff, including RPF personnel, found involved in cases of thefts and pilferages of railway property are either prosecuted or dealt with departmentally in a deterrent manner depending on the evidence available in each case.

Allocation of Palmolein to Kerala

303. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of Palmolein allocated to Kerala during the period from January to June 1984;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Kerala Government has been requesting the Central Government to increase the monthly quota of Palmolein to that State; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to meet the request of that State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) The allocation of imported edible oils to Kerala during the period from January to June, 1984 is 32,850 M.Ts.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Kerala Government had indicated its requirement as 47,000 M.Ts. for the oil year 1983-84 (November, 1983 to October, 1984). The monthly average comes to 3.917 M.Ts. per month. The allocation of imported edible oils to Kerala has already been maintained at a substantially higher level than their demand. It was increased to 5,500 M.Ts. since March, 1984 as against 5,000 M.Ts. made during February, 1984. From July, 1984, it has further been stepped up to 6,000 M.Ts. as against 5,500 M Ts. made for June, 1984. Palmolein has been allotted according to availability.

Railway line between Chengannoore and Trivandrum in Kerala

304. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any request from the Kerala Government for laying a new Railway line from Chengannoore to Trivandrum via Pandalam, Kottarakkara, Vembayam, Nedumangad;

(b) whether Government propose to conduct a survey for the said line; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The rail alignment of railway line between Chengannoore & Trivandrum via Pandalam & Kottarakkara, Vembayam & Nedumangad will be surveyed as a part of Engineering-cum-Traffic survey for doubling of B.G. line between Chengannoore to Trivandrum Central. Survey estimate has been sanctioned recently and survey is to be commenced shortly.

Train from Jammu to Kanyakumari

305. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the date by which Government propose to start the train from Jammu to Kanyakumari?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): Sir, no firm date has been fixed.

Broad gauge line between Kuttipuram and Trichur

306. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal under Government's consideration to construct new broad-

gauge line from Kuttipuram to Trichur via Guruvayoor, and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) and (b) A survey for construction of a Broadgauge line from Kuttipuram to Trichur via Guruvayur was conducted in the year 1980-81. The estimated cost of the line was Rs. 14 crores. In view of the severe constraints in resources position at present, the consideration of this proposal will depend upon allocation of resources for New Lines in the Seventh Plan which is still under finalisation.

Ghaziabad Railway Station

307. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that passenger amenities and general sanitation are neglected at the Ghaziabad Station;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the platform and waiting rooms are dirty and not properly maintained;

(c) whether it is also a fact that electric fans and lights as also clocks at the platform remain out of order for months together; and

(d) if so, what remedial steps are proposed to be taken to put things in order?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. The electric fans, lights and clocks are working satisfactorily. These are attended promptly as and when these go out of order.

(d) Frequent inspections are carried out to check the standard of cleanliness/sanitation of station premises and defects and dificiencies are repaired/removed wherever these come to notice.

Railway reservations at Ghaziabad

308. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that reservations in trains for Ghaziabad passengers are done at Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to start a reservation office at Ghaziabad itself;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if the answer for part (c) above be in negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) to (e) Reservations in trains by Ghaziabad passengers can be done either at Delhi/ New Delhi or at Ghaziabad itself. A reservation counter is already functioning at Ghaziabad Station for making reservations at the station.

Direct train between Kharagpur and Tirupati

309. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum dated the 2nd July, 1984 from Rajak Samaj, Kharagpur (West Bengal) suggesting introduction of a direct train service between Kharagpur and Tirupati has been received by Government;

(b) whether the proposal is receiving favourable consideration of Government; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in negative, what are the reasons therefor?